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E.O. 11652: GDS

LVGS: PFOR, PO

SUBJ:KFFORHTL GOP REQUEST FOR C-130'S

REF: LISBON 6134 (DTG 081622Z SEP 76)

1. DURING SEP 24 MEETING, FONMIN MADEIROS FERREIRA
RAISED POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCZQIN SUPPPDING THREE C-130'S
BO PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY
PAF ON THIS SUBJECT AND KNEW THAT I WAS AWARE OF THE BACK-
GROUND. PURPOSE OF RAISING IT WITH ME WAYTO INDICATE
FORMALLY THAT GOP WILL SUPPORT THE REQUEST.

2. I RECOUNTED TO FDEIROS FERREIRA THE EXTENSIVE AND
SOMEWHAT CHECKERED HISTORY OF THIS REQUEST, EMPHASIZING
THE NATURE OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS. I TOLD HIM THERE
HAD BEEN SOME INITIAL MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF
THE PAF WHICH I HOPED HAD NOW BEEN CLEARED. I NOTED
THAT THE USG FULLY SUPPORTS CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN
PORTUGAL AND NATO, PARTICULARLY THE FORMATION OF A
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PORTUGUESE BRIGADE. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE

C-130'S WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION OF THE
BRIGADE. THE POSSIBILITY OF FURNISHING THEM UNDER MAP
WAS RIGHT NOW BEING DEBATED IN WASHINGTON IN LIGHT OF
USG'S OVERALL PRIORITIES. I WOULD KEEP HIM FULLY
INFORMED.

3. COMMENT: UNUSUAL REQUEST THROUGH A CIVILIAN
CHANNEL UNDERLINES GOP INTEREST IN C-130 ASPECT OF
NATO-COMMITTED BRIGADE PLAN. FOR REASONS DESCRIBED
REFTEL I STRONGLY SUPPORT PORTUGUESE REQUEST.
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